Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (i) A plan of the entire lay out of the buildings at Ramavarmapuram was submitted by the Chief Engineer.

(ii) This lay out plan was submitted when the detailed plans and estimates for the hostel buildings were submitted for sanction. It did not contain the estimates and final plans of all the other buildings proposed to be constructed at Ramavarmapuram.

(iii) The final location and plans of the hostel buildings and the site plan showing the lay out of all the other buildings were submitted to Government.

(b) (i) No. Detailed plans and estimates for the hostel buildings alone were prepared and submitted. The intention was to attend to the preparation of estimates in convenient groups consistent with the allotments for each year till the entire scheme is completed.

(ii) In big schemes of this nature it would be necessary to spend much time in working up the details of each and every building before final estimates can be prepared.

After having prepared a lay out of all the buildings to be constructed in this scheme, it was thought advisable in the interests of expenditure to start the construction of these buildings the designs of which have been finally approved.

(iii) The Ramavarmapuram site was approved by the University Syndicate as a suitable one for the location of the College.

(iv) No work was done at Ramavarmapuram in this connection without the previous approval and sanction of Government.

Police Commissioner's camp clerk.

513. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—In reference to question No. 62 of the Legislative Session of 1107, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have considered the feasibility of making a saving by ordering the Commissioner not to take as his camp clerk a 2nd class officer;

(b) whether they will be pleased to issue such orders if they have not done so?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) and (b) Government have already issued orders to that effect.

Road—Parur-Ernakulam.

514. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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1. if they are aware that a metalled road suitable for wheeled traffic starting from Parur (Travancore) has reached Varapuzha on the Cochin frontier at Cheranellur with the small breadth of canal between;

2. if they are aware that if the Cochin D. P. W. takes up the paving of the road that lies in continuation of the Cochin side, through connection to Ernakulam can be had at a small cost either by the Alwaye—Edappilly—Ernakulam road or *via* Chittur—Vaduthala—Ernakulam road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—1. No.

2. The matter is under investigation.

Training—Forestry.

515. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) does the Government now propose to take measures for the training of young men as foresters;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what will be the strength of the training class?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The strength of the class will be six.

Foresters and Guards.

516. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to give a caste-war list of the foresters and guards now in service, detailing their educational qualifications, service, and pay?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—A list is appended. (*Appendix XIII*).

Boats—landing place.

517. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 78 (b) of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state whether the boats of Messrs. Syndicate Navigation and Public Relief have anything to do with the train passengers;

and whether they suffer any disadvantage from the present arrangements accorded to them, namely, the insistence on their taking passengers from the Southern Canal Jetty only;

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They do not take train passengers from or to the Jail Jetty nor have applied to do so.

The Government have no information. The Canal Jetty is the main landing place for the line boats in Ernakulam. For purposes of control and proper supervision, the present arrangement has to be insisted on.

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